

KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

*Thursday, March 22, 2012
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wex's Meeting Room #7278
King Street Center
201 S. Jackson Street
Seattle, Washington*

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Brian Rich, Vice Chair; Rick Chouinard; Tom Hitzroth; Lorelea Hudson (arrived at 4:40 pm); Greg Watson, Auburn Special Commissioner; Thaisa Way; Lynette Weber

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Lauren McCroskey, Chair; Kji Kelly

STAFF PRESENT: Julie Koler; Todd Scott

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Rich called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Chouinard moved approval of the December 12, 2011 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioners Hitzroth, Way and Weber abstained as they were not present at that meeting. Commissioner Hitzroth moved approval of the March 1, 2012 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Way and Weber abstained as they were not present at that meeting.

PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT: Koler gave an overview of the upcoming Vashon Storefront Studio project. The first open house is scheduled for Friday, March 30, and Koler invited all commissioners to attend. She also gave an overview of the upcoming Kirkland project. The kickoff meeting is scheduled for March 29. Scott gave an update of the Harborview Hall project indicating that two viable proposals had been received and that the county and Harborview Board were still discussing options. If it moves forward, County Council will ultimately have to give final approval.

Koler briefed commissioners on the 2012 Spellman Award recipients: Center for Wooden Boats and the Burke Museum for the underwater archaeology project in Lake Union; Washington DOT for the Milepost 31 mitigation effort; Irene Pike for rehabilitation of the Moore House in Fall City; and City of Redmond for restoration of the Anderson Park picnic shelter. Koler also thanked Hitzroth for preparing two DAHP nominations on behalf of the commission, one of the Anderson Park picnic shelter and one for Karen Bouton's work on the Saar Cemetery.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:

Mary Olson Farm (COA 1201) to construct livestock paddocks, shelters and manure compost bins. Commissioner Hudson gave a brief overview of the project. Rich added that the applicant had taken painstaking efforts to blend the project into the site without creating a false sense of history.

King County Landmarks Commission Minutes
March 22, 2012

The applicant anticipated questions and responded to them prior to the DRC meeting. Special Commissioner Watson recalled the poor condition of the farm when it was acquired by Auburn. Most farm museums don't really function as a farm, but this one does. Consequently, you can't just save the buildings, you have to make an effort to re-create appropriate agricultural activities. Way moved to approve COA #1201 as recommended by the design review committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Unity Lodge (COA 1202) to install a painted wall sign and a projecting sign; North Bend. Hudson briefly described the project and asked if staff had talked with the owner of the building about the signs. Scott said he had not, but would try again to contact them. Rich briefly described the sign guidelines adopted by the City. Way was not sure about the placement of the side wall sign, but Hudson pointed out a logo in the above sign that was difficult to see. This was more suitable to Way. Rich said that both signs meet the signage guidelines for the district. Hitzroth moved to approve COA #1202 as recommended by the design review committee. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Way gave a brief overview of her trip to Italy with 45 students last fall.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.